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SUBJECT: QADHAFI ADDRESSES AFRICAN ISSUES

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN SPEECH DELIVERED DURING BANQUET IN HONOR OF VISITING GUINEA PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE, COLONEL QADHAFI CONDEMNED NEW "IMPERIALIST" PLOTS DIRECTED AGAINST AFRICA; EMPHASIZED LIBYA'S ROLE AS A PEACEMAKER IN THE HORN, CHAD, AND SUDAN; AND REAFFIRMED HIS BELIEF THAT THE AFRICA OF THE SEVENTIES IS CAPABLE OF SOLVING ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. QADHAFI ALSO CALLED FOR URGENT AFRICAN SUMMIT MEETING TO DEAL WITH WESTERN SAHARA ISSUE. SPEECH WAS COUCHED IN USUAL "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" RHETORIC AND APPEARED

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DIRECTED AGAINST ALLEGED WESTERN INTERVENTION RATHER THAN SOVIET OR CUBAN ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

1. QADHAFI USED BANQUET APRIL 17 FOR VISITING GUINEA PRESIDENT AHMED SEKOU TOURE TO KEEP HIS AFRICAN CREDENTIALS IN GOOD ORDER. GENERAL THEME WAS THAT "THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES" HAVE NOW EMBARKED ON DIRECT MEANS

TO RETURN COLONIALISM TO AFRICA USING BOTH REGULAR ARMED FORCES (INSERT FRENCH) AND CERTAIN PUPPET AFRICAN REGIMES. THESE POLITICO-MILITARY EFFORTS ARE, IN TURN, BOLSTERED BY ATTEMPTS TO LINK AFRICA ONCE MORE TO "IMPERIALIST TREATIES" AND COMES IN ADDITION TO THE QUOTE TIGHTENING OF THE GRIP OF THE IMPERIALIST MONOPOLIES TO LOOT THE REST OF THE AFRICAN WEALTH UNQUOTE. QADHAFI SAID THESE ATTEMPTS WILL BE DEFEATED BECAUSE THE AFRICA OF THE SEVENTIES HAS QUOTE ACQUIRED THE ABILITY TO SHOULDER ITS RESPONSIBILITIES....AND HAS ACQUIRED THE WILL TO FACE ITS PROBLEMS UNQUOTE.

2. QADHAFI THEN WENT ON TO STRESS LIBYA'S ROLE AS "PEACEMAKER" IN CHAD, SUDAN AND THE HORN. WITH REGARD TO THE CHAD "CIVIL WAR," QADHAFI SAID THIS PROBLEM WAS BEING SOLVED THROUGH THE MEDIATION OF SUDAN, NIGER AND LIBYA, WHILE IN SUDAN, LIBYA WAS ABLE TO END THE "CIVIL WAR" WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN THE SUDANESE NATIONAL FRONT AND THE SUDAN GOVERNMENT. DECLARING THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE "AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM" WILL ATTEMPT TO OBSTRUCT THIS FINAL SOLUTION BOTH FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND THE INTERESTS OF THEIR IMPERIALIST MASTERS, QADHAFI ASSERTED THAT THE PEOPLE OF SUDAN, LIKE THE PEOPLE OF CHAD, WILL DEFEAT THESE ATTEMPTS. HE AFFIRMED THAT LIBYA IS IN ALLIANCE WITH SUDAN AND CHAD TO RESIST THESE "IMPERIALIST ATTEMPTS."

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3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE AFRICAN HORN, QADHAFI PRAISED THE COURAGE OF SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE WHO, HE SAID, WAS PERSUADED TO WITHDRAW HIS FORCES FROM THE OGADEN FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO LIBYA. HE ADDED THAT THIS ISSUE HAD BEEN SOLVED QUOTE BECAUSE OF AFRICAN CONSULTATION AND BY AN AFRICAN WILL WITHOUT EXTERNAL PRESSURE UNQUOTE. THESE AFRICAN EFFORTS MUST BE CONTINUED BUT, HE ADDED, THIS PROBLEM WILL QUOTE BECOME MORE COMPLEX IF THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES INTERFERED AND CLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP (WISAYAH) IN THIS AFRICAN PROBLEM UNQUOTE.

4. QADHAFI ALSO BRIEFLY ADDRESSED WESTERN SAHARA PROBLEM. REITERATING THAT THE UN SECGEN HAD CALLED THIS PROBLEM "ONE OF THE HOTTEST" IN THE WORLD TODAY, QADHAFI SAID THAT AN AFRICAN SUMMIT MEETING SHOULD BE CONVENED ON AN URGENT BASIS (ARABIC VERSION) AND THAT THE PASSAGE OF TIME DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE FOR IT QUOTE INCREASES THE ATTRITION OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED... AND... IT WILL CREATE AN

EXCUSE FOR IMPERIALISM TO INTERFERE IN AFRICA UNQUOTE.

5. COMMENT. SPEECH CONTAINS NO NEW DEPARTURES AND IS
CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS OVER PAST FEW MONTHS TO EMPHASIZE
LIBYA'S AFRICAN CONNECTIONS. DESPITE QADHAFI'S EMPHATIC
SUPPORT OF AFRICAN SOLUTIONS FOR AFRICA'S PROBLEMS
AND HIS STRONG CONDEMNATION OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION,
IT APPEARS HE IS NOT YET READY TO PUBLICLY CONFRONT
QUESTION OF BLATANT INTERVENTION BY SOVIETS AND CUBANS
WHO, IN THE LOCAL LITANY, ARE NOT ENCOMPASSED BY THE
TERM "IMPERIALISM." WHILE QADHAFI SEEMS WILLING TO WAIT
FOR THE OAU TO HAVE FIRST GO AT WESTERN SAHARA
MEDIATION, HE TAKES TOUGHER LINE ON CHAD, AND IF SEBHA II
NOT IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIBYAN INTERPRETATION,
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WE CAN EXPECT MORE EXPLICIT DENIGRATION OF MALLOUM IN
FUTURE AS ONE OF THE "AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM" ALLUDED TO
IN HIS SPEECH.

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